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SUBJECT: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHRISTODDULOS VENIAMIN,
DIRECTOR GENERAL, CYPRIOT MFA

REF: NICOSIA 3127

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED PROPOSAL THAT CHRISTODDULOS VENIAMIN RECEIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT AT A US MILITARY HOSPITAL AT USG EXPENSE. BASED ON JUSTIFICATION PROVIDED, DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO SUPPORT VENIAMIN CASE EVEN ON FULLY REIMBURSABLE BASIS. IN RECENT MONTHS DEFENSE HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT FOREIGN NATIONALS AT MILITARY HOSPITALS WHEN US CIVILIAN HOSPITALS HAVE EQUAL OR POSSIBLY EVEN GREATER CAPABILITY IN A PARTICULAR BRANCH OF MEDICINE. FURTHER WE DO NOT PERCEIVE ANY MILITARY INTEREST HERE WHICH WOULD MAKE DEFENSE WILLING TO ABSORB THE MEDICAL COSTS. SHOULD THE POST WISH TO PROVIDE FULL AND DETAILED JUSTIFICATION DEMONSTRATING IMPORTANCE TO US NATIONAL INTERESTS OF PROVIDING REIMBURSABLE CARE AT MILITARY IN LIEU OF CIVILIAN FACILITY, DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE THE CASE WITH DEFENSE.
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2. IF THE POST DOES NOT WISH TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER, WE BELIEVE THE PATIENT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ONE OF THE MANY EXCELLENT CIVILIAN HOSPITALS IN THE NEW YORK AREA. INGERSOLL

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